(v) Government has rationalized release of foodgrains under the SGRY and Special component of SGRY.

(vi) a decision has been taken to import 35 lakh MTs of wheat.

(vii) The allocation of wheat for the Above Poverty Line (APL) category has been rationalized to each State's average offtake for the last 3 years or the last year's off-take, whichever was lower.

Modified procurement policy

1223. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to adopt a modified procurement policy which seeks to provide market rates to the farmers instead of minimum support price; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) A proposal to purchase foodgrains at a rate higher than the MSP has been formulated in the Department of Food and Public Distribution, to ensure that the required quantity of foodgrains are procured to meet the commitments under the TPDS and other foodgrains based Welfare Schemes.

Setting up of district level committees of Consumer Protection Council

1224. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether district level committees of Consumer Protection Council have been set up in many States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by Government to set up such committees in all the States of the country; and

(d) the time by which these committees are likely to be set up in all the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) State-wise details are placed at Annexure.

(c) and (d) Under provisions of Section 8A of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, it is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations to establish District Consumer Protection Councils in the districts of the States. However, the Central Government has been time and again impressing on all States/UTs to take necessary action in this regard.

Statement

Setting up of District Consumer Protection Councils (DCPCs) in the States/UTs.

State/UT	Status as Reported by States/UTs
Andhra Pradesh	Constituted
Arunachal Pradesh	Constituted
Assam	Constituted
Bihar	Constituted in 37 out of 38 Districts
Chhattisgarh	Constituted in 10 out of 16 Districts
Goa	Constituted
Gujarat	Constituted
Haryana	Not Yet Constituted
Himachal Pradesh	Not Yet Constituted
Jharkhand	Not Constituted
Karnataka	Constituted
Kerala	Not Yet Constituted

State/UT	Status as Reported by States/UTs
Madhya Pradesh	Constituted
Maharashtra	Not Constituted
Manipur	*Information not furnished*
Meghalaya	Constituted
Mizoram	Not Constituted
Nagaland	Constituted
Orissa	Not Constituted
Punjab	Constituted
Rajasthan	Constituted
Sikkim	Constituted
Tamil Nadu	Constituted
Tripura	Not Yet Constituted
Uttar Pradesh	Constituted
Uttaranchal	Not Constituted
West Bengal	Constituted
A & N Island	Constituted
Chandigarh Admn.	Constituted
D & N Haveli	Constituted
Daman & Diu	Not Constituted
Delhi	Constituted
Lakshdweep	Constituted
Pondicherry	Constituted